

Amendments to Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An isolated 16S rDNA sequence indicative of a dechlorinating bacterial strain selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ ID NO:8, and
- (b) an isolated nucleic acid molecule that is completely complementary to (a) wherein said sequence is indicative of a dechlorinating bacterial strain.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled)

Claims 6 – 14 (Canceled)